

A RESOLUTION**BY COUNCILMEMBER MARY NORWOOD****(as amended by Community Development/Human Resources Committee)****AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A TASK
FORCE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND
POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR VIEW
CORRIDORS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Whereas, with Atlanta's climate, it is important to preserve the ability of sunlight and air circulation to be enjoyed by all citizens; and

Whereas, the current proliferation of skyscrapers is unprecedented; and

Whereas, view corridors and streetscapes are intended to reinforce and enhance landscape and building frontage features that give the city its character and livability; and

Whereas, in Atlanta, there is currently no protection of view corridors, which could result in yet-to-be-constructed buildings blocking the entire panorama of existing views which are visually appealing as well as establishing a "sense of place" within the region and community; and

Whereas, other cities throughout the country, such as Seattle, Washington, Palo Alto, California, and Austin, Texas, have recognized the importance of this component of their municipality's regulations and have enacted view corridor legislation; and

Whereas, all citizens of the City of Atlanta deserve the protection of their residential or commercial investment and the establishment of view corridor regulations may facilitate this protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby created a View Corridors Task Force, whose task it shall be to evaluate view corridors regulations. Said regulations may include an overlay mapping system or height regulations using such tools as the Geographic Information System (GIS).

Section 2: The Task Force shall include thirteen (13) members who shall represent the following disciplines: One member to be an architect to be appointed by the AIA Atlanta Chapter, one member to be a developer to be appointed by the Community Development/Human Resources Committee, one member with experience in zoning and land use to be appointed by the Zoning Committee; one member of the real estate community to be appointed by the Atlanta Board of Realtors, one member from each of the following areas who is a resident of that area to be appointed by the appropriate NPU: Downtown (NPU-M); Midtown (NPU-E) and Buckhead (NPU-B), one member to be appointed by APAB; one member to be appointed by the Midtown Alliance, one

member to be appointed by Central Atlanta Progress; one member to be appointed by the Buckhead Coalition, one member from Georgia Tech's Center for Quality Growth to be appointed by the Mayor and one member at-large to be appointed by the Atlanta City Council. Technical and administrative support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development, Bureau of Planning, **with legal support to be provided by the City's Law Department.**

Section 3: The Task Force shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council through the Community Development/Human Resources and the Zoning Committee no later than six months after it has been populated.

Section 4: That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived in this instance only.